Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method for storing and reporting pharmacy data, comprising the steps of:

   a) selectively obtaining pharmacy data from at least one pharmacy;

   b) organizing and structuring the pharmacy data;

   c) storing the pharmacy data in a data repository;

   d) selectively allowing a requestor obtain at least a portion of the pharmacy data;

   e) formatting data requested by the requestor into a report; and

   f) providing the report to the requestor.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

   a) encrypting the pharmacy data before obtaining it; and

   b) decrypting the pharmacy data after obtaining it.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the pharmacy data are obtained by means of an electronic communications network.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the requestor requests and receives a report by means of an electronic communications network.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the electronic communications network is an intranet.

6. The method of claim 4 wherein the electronic communications network is the internet.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the requestor is selectively allowed access to a greater or lesser portion of the pharmacy data based upon predetermined criteria.

5   8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of checking the pharmacy data for defects before storing it.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of encrypting the report before sending it to the requestor.

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10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of checking the pharmacy data before obtaining it.

11. A method for storing and reporting pharmacy data, comprising the steps of:

15   a) selectively obtaining pharmacy data from at least one pharmacy by means of an electronic communications network;

b) organizing and structuring the pharmacy data;

c) storing the pharmacy data in a data repository;

d) selectively allowing a requestor obtain at least a portion of the pharmacy data

20 by means of the electronic communications network, wherein the requestor is selectively allowed access to a greater or lesser portion of the pharmacy data based upon predetermined criteria;

e) formatting data requested by the requestor into a report; and

f) sending the report to the requestor.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of checking the pharmacy data before obtaining it.

5   13. The method of claim 11 wherein the electronic communications network is an intranet.

14. The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

a) encrypting the pharmacy data before obtaining it; and

10   b) decrypting the pharmacy data after obtaining it.

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